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PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S ANALYSIS OF QADHAFI IS FOOD FOR THOUGHT. IT IS TRUE THAT QADHAFI'S POLITICAL STYLE AND IDEOLOGY ARE BASED ON CONFRONTATION AND CONFLICT WITH THE WEST, AND THAT IF ISRAEL DID NOT EXIST HE WOULD HAVE TO INVENT A SUBSTITUTE, BUT THIS IS ALSO TRUE OF MANY ANOTHER ARAB AND PALESTINIAN LEADER, UNFORTUNATELY. THE RHETORIC OF ARAB NATIONALISM STILL HAS THE POWER TO MOVE, AND OUR MODERATE FRIENDS HAVE YET TO FIND A SUBSTITUTE FOR ITS EMOTIONAL APPEAL. SEEN IN THIS CONTEXT, QADHAFI IS NOT ERRATIC, MERCURIAL, QUIXOTIC, OR ANY OF THE OTHER ADJECTIVES WHICH COME TO MIND SO EASILY. IF ANYTHING, HIS POSITIONS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A PEACE SETTLEMENT, UNITY, REVOLUTION, ETC. ARE TOO CONSISTENT FOR HIS OWN GOOD OR FOR OURS.
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